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Pre-enrollment open for census data conference

MCDC will hold a one-day training conference on July 25, 2005 on the campus of the University of Missouri – Columbia. The conference will include four in-depth workshops focusing on:

- Accessing census data on the web
- Using GIS software to view demographic data
- Drawing useful information from the local employment dynamics program (LED)
- Obtaining current data with the American Community Survey

MCDC has opened pre-enrollment on their [Conference Web site](#) to gauge interest in the conference and give potential attendees the opportunity to comment on the proposed schedule. The results of the pre-enrollment forms will help conference planners arrange the agenda and create an electronic mailing list for final enrollment.

The conference registration fee is \$35 and space will be limited, so early registration is recommended. Additional information about the conference is available on the [MCDC Conference Web site](#), and the pre-enrollment deadline is June 3, 2005.

New web application for maps on MCDC Web site

The [Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis](#) at the University of Missouri – Columbia (OSEDA) has provided MCDC with a test version of a Web map generated using SAS/Graph software. The tool uses a Java applet to map single variables, but users can select other related variables to manipulate the map. (You must have Java 1.4 enabled for your Web browser to use this tool.) A pop-up window allows users to make changes to the map, such as the color scheme, the number and type of interval categories for a choropleth map, and the display of a three-dimensional “marker” whose height and color can be linked to the variables. The software also supports a “drill down” capability, where a URL can be associated with each region of the map. In the test map on the MCDC Web page, a left click within a county brings up a menu with links to all the standard profiles and products associated with the county. MCDC hopes to soon make one of these Java applet maps for the entire state of Missouri using some of the most frequently used variables from the new estimates dataset. To see what is currently available, go to http://mcdc2.missouri.edu/data/popests/maps/mocom04_counties.html.

Census Bureau releases new population projections

Last month the Census Bureau released the State Population Projections for 2005 to 2030. These projections illustrate plausible courses of future population change based on assumptions about future births, deaths, international migration, and domestic migration.

The projections were produced for all 50 states and the District of Columbia by age and sex for the years 2001 to 2030, based on Census 2000 results, and the general assumption that recent state-specific trends in fertility, mortality, domestic migration, and international migration will continue. Access the press release for this material at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/projectionsagesex.html>.

Changes to American Fact Finder

On April 14, 2005, the Census Bureau updated American FactFinder with the following new features.

- Population Finder - for easy accessibility to population data for states, counties, cities/towns, zip code tabulation areas, and tracts;
- New products and features for the 2003 American Community Survey data;
- New look and feel for maps;
- New Annual Survey of Manufactures data;
- New County level Population Estimates data

Take a look at <http://factfinder.census.gov/> to use the updated tools.

Census Bureau looking for stories from local officials

The Census Bureau would like to hear how the use of census data and the state data center have contributed to community development and betterment. Specifically, they would like to hear from local officials about any projects that were enhanced due to access to census data and staff. If you are aware of such a project, and would be willing to write a description about it, including the names of local officials, grant project name, and other key pieces of information, please contact Nathaniel Albers at 800-325-0131, ext. 14, or nathaniel.albers@sos.mo.gov. This would be a nice opportunity to showcase that census data helps people make informed decisions at the local level.

Recent and upcoming data and reports from the U.S. Census Bureau

- May 2 - [Census Bureau Selects Texas County for 2010 Census Test](#)
- May 4 - [Facts for Features: The Fourth of July](#)
- May 5 - [Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Moving Up and Down the Income Ladder, 1998-1999](#)
- May 10 - [Local Employment Dynamics: A Profile of Older Workers in Pennsylvania](#)
- May 16 (tentative) - Annual Capital Expenditures (ACES): 2003
- May 22 (tentative) - Estimates of U.S. Population by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: July 1, 2004
- May 22 (tentative) - School Enrollment — Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 2003
- May 22 (tentative) - Facts for Features: Americans with Disabilities
- May 22 (tentative) - Survey of Income and Program Participation Interviewers Coming
- May 26 (tentative) - Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2004
- May 29 (tentative) - Survey of State and Local Government Employment and Payroll: 2004
- May 31 - [Profile America and Al Dia \(Spanish\) for June](#)
- May 31 (tentative) - 2002 Economic Census: Geographic Area Series
- June 5 (tentative) - American Housing Survey for Selected Metro Areas in 2004